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5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further including
identifying a plurality of populous colors, based on the frequency of occurrence of
each color, and
the plurality of measures includes proportions of each of the plurality of populous
colors in each partition.

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6 11. (Amended) A system for characterizing an image comprising:
a partitioner that is configured to partition the image into a plurality of partitions,
each partition including a plurality of pixels, each pixel having a color, and
an accumulator that is configured to determine a frequency of occurrence of each
color of the plurality of pixels within each partition, and
wherein
the system is configured to create a characterization of the image that includes a
plurality of measures that are proportional to the frequency of occurrences of a plurality
of colors.

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8 13. (Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein
the plurality of measures are based on the frequency of occurrence of each of a
plurality of populous colors in each partition.

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10 15. (Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein
the plurality of measures are based on the frequency of occurrence of each of a
plurality of populous colors in each partition.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by USP 6,285,995 to Abdel-Mottaleb et al. An affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131, certifying that the Applicant's claimed invention was invented prior to the filing date of